



SIR BRANCH 161 NEWS

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A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Floyd McBeth, Big Sir

Opening statement

We are approaching our Holiday Season, Halloween, Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Make sure you mark down December 9th for the SIR Christmas Lunch with the ladies. Jim Davis, our Little Sir, has lined up the Sparks Sisters to entertain us. They are a very talented duo who have entertained us in the past. Tickets will be available at the October luncheon. The price is \$21.00 per person and we always have a strong turnout for this event, so be sure to get your tickets while they are available.



I mentioned the problem we are having with algae, water hyacinth, and egeria densa last month. Although it seems to be better this month, and will calm down more as the cold weather approaches, we must push our government to spray next year. If we fail to put pressure on the people that make financial decisions our problems could continue or get even worse. Rick Howard, General Manager for the town, says they have no power to do anything, but I feel they could and should apply pressure on those that do.

Next luncheon

Our next regular luncheon will be Tuesday, October 14. Cocktails and visiting begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is served at noon, followed by our guest speaker. I hope to see you there.

Special Occasion

SIR has a very special title we give to a very limited

number of members. This title is given to someone who goes out of his way to promote SIR and to make us a better group of men. The BEC voted to give Dick Donald this recognition. Ralph Pfirman presented Dick with a certificate from the SIR State Board at our



last luncheon. It seemed perfect to have Ralph do this as he was a recipient of this honor in 2009. Our heartfelt congratulations to Dick Donald on a well-deserved award.

Attendance

We had 125 members for lunch in September.

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Membership

We were delighted to vote in 4 new members this month. Sadly we had 2 members change to an inactive status and 1 member resign from our group; this left us with a net gain of 1 for a total of 162 members at this time. Welcome aboard to: Ed Bar-riskill, friend of Bob Lyman, Steve Greenfield, friend of Will Myers, Dave Harrison, friend of Jerry Nielson and Arthur McDonald, friend of Mitch Wisinski.

October Birthday Boys

Happy Birthday to:

Firoz Bharwani, Joey Brignolio, Michael Cline, Dale Davidson, Larry Mensch, Tony Pacheco, Marty Price, Al Sauvadon, Gary Tucker, Robin Williams, and Ron Wilson.

If your name is missing or this information is not correct, call Big Sir Floyd McBeth at 925 516-9191, so I can make the correction

Activities

Check with Dick Donald if you are looking to join in on some of the SIR fun. There are lots of great activities you can be a part of; all you need do is ask.

The Big Picture

Remember to check out our State web site at www.sirinc.org and our own local web site at www.sir161.org to see our branch happenings

Jim Davis, Little Sir

September 2014 Recap

This month we were served Chicken Parmesan with Pasta Alfredo, and vegetables.

Free Lunch Winners

Ralph Pfirman and Al



Sauvadon were the winners of a free lunch, which they can claim at any regular Tuesday luncheon (Not May or December). If you are with us at the next luncheon on October 14th, you have a chance to win your free lunch.

September Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker this month was Rick Howard, General Manager for the Town of Discovery Bay. The focus of his very informative talk was the drought that California is currently facing, and our responsibilities to use less water. As might be expected, Rick also fielded a number of questions on other subjects of importance to residents of Discovery Bay.



If you have questions about reducing the amount of water you use:

- (1) In Discovery Bay, go to www.saveourh20.org, or call 634-1131.
- (2) In Brentwood, (a) go to www.brentwoodca.gov/, select "Public Works", (b) select "Water", (c) select "Drought Information"; or call 516-6000.

October luncheon

On October 14th, we will have Beef Bourguignon over Risotto, and Vegetables.

Please note: If you have any special dietary needs, please call Bill Konold at 634-2738 by Friday before the meeting to arrange this.

If you will not be able to attend the October luncheon, it is important to call Bill Konold at 634-2738 as soon as you know that you will not be at the luncheon. We assume that you will be there, and we order a \$17 lunch for you, unless we hear from you that you will not be there.

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October Guest Speaker

Nathan Johnson is a highly recommended speaker from the Contra Costa County office of the Veterans Administration, and will be our guest speaker in October. Many of us either are veterans, or have children, grandchildren, other relatives or close friends who are vets or are in the service and one day will be vets. Come and hear about the programs and benefits that are available to our veterans.

Knowing What's Up

Our SIR Branch 161 is on the web at www.sir161.org. For more news, photos and links to state SIR information, visit our website.

Be sure to check ***The Happenings***, the state SIR newsletter. From time to time, Branch 161, our members, and our activities are featured.

There's a link to *The Happenings* on our Branch 161 web site at www.sir161.org

Enjoy your families and friends,

Little Sir, Jim Davis

Memorial services - you are invited

There will be a memorial for two past SIR Branch 161 members in October. You are invited to attend a memorial for Peter Constantine on October 8th and a memorial for Elwood Davis on October 15th. We will honor these two men at the 17th tee of the Discovery Bay Country Club and we will start at 2:00 pm. You are welcome to attend. The Discovery Bay Senior Men's Golf Club will handle the memorial service.

2014 Branch 161 Meetings Calendar

01/14/2014	07/8/2014
02/11/2014	08/12/2014
03/11/2014	09/9/2014
04/8/2014	10/14/2014
05/13/2014 (note 1)	11/11/2014
06/10/2014	12/9/2014 (note 1)

Note 1: Mother's Day and Christmas With The Ladies are not 'required' Branch luncheon meetings.

Is your contact information up to date?

In the next couple of months we'll begin preparation for the 2015 Branch 161 Handbook. If your mailing address, phone number or email address has changed, please be sure to let LaVan Bock know.

LaVan maintains our Branch membership roster, and this information is imported directly into the Handbook. Once the information has been imported, we can't edit individual contact info prior to printing.

Last chance to attend Dinner With The Ladies in 2014.

Dinner With The Ladies, Micheal White

When: 28 October, 2014.

Where: CAP's Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood.

Time: Arrive 5:00pm, Dinner served at 6:00pm.

Menu choices:

Include Salad, Dessert, non alcoholic drink (ice tea/ coffee and water) and dessert.



Broiled Salmon, w/rice pilaf, Stuffed Pork Chop w/garlic mashed potatoes. Topped w/apple brandy sauce. Pepper Tips. Sirloin sautéed with bell peppers and onions. Served w/herbed fettuccini. Chicken Parmesiana, marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese. Served with herbed fettuccini.

Cost: \$28.00 per person (includes tax and tip).

Deadline: Need your RSVP no later than 21st October, 2014. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on 14th October, 2014. If you will please send your checks to me prior it would be helpful. Make your checks out to M. E. White and mail to 2146 Sand Point Road, Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Phone: 634-0415.

This is the last Dinner With The Ladies for this year. Pack up your wife and come and enjoy the evening.

----- Tear out and return with your check -----

Name(s):

Phone:

Select your Entree:

Broiled Salmon: _____

Stuffed Pork Chop: _____

Chicken Parmesiana: _____

Pepper Tips: _____

Dinner with the ladies, 28 October, 2014. Cap's Oak Street Bar and Grill, 155 Oak Street, Brentwood.

Membership, Len Fadda

Sponsor a new member

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.

If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Len Fadda. Have the guest complete the form, and return it to Len. The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting.



The Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.

Four new members were inducted at our September luncheon.

SIR Membership Requirements

Membership in Sons In Retirement is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

New members inducted at our September 9, 2014 meeting

Steve Greenfield retired in 2009 from the San Jose Fire Department where he was Captain. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 5 years.

Steve has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. He enjoys anything fitness related, including biking, golfing and hiking.

Steve's sponsor was Will Myers.



Dave Harrison retired from a career as commercial pilot at American Airlines in 1999. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 31 years.

Dave enjoys travel, fishing and golf.

Dave's sponsor was Jerry Nielson.

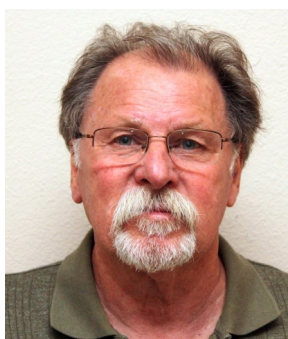


Art McDonald retired from the San Jose Fire Department in 1996. He has lived in Discovery Bay for 14 years.

Art has a daughter and a grandson.

He enjoys golfing, boating and hot rods.

Art's sponsor was Mitch Wisinski.



Ed Barriskill retired from real estate investing at the beginning of 2014. He has lived in the Brentwood area for 14 years.

Ed and his wife Kathy have two daughters and 4 grandchildren.

He enjoys pickleball, biking, running and hiking.

Ed's Sponsor was Bob Lyman.



Bowling News, Paul Elmer

I open this months' news on a sad note. Al Winston left this world on September 11th, and graduated to a much better one.



Al was born in 1930 in Boomer, West Virginia and lived there until he completed his military duty in the navy in 1951. He moved to California and studied engineering, and became a Configuration Manager at Ford Aerospace where he worked until retirement. He always loved bowling and eventually came to Harvest Park Bowl and started bowling in the SIR League in the 2001-2002 season where he averaged 187. He eventually raised his average to a high of 205 in 2005. After that he was always in the mid to high 190's. Al had four, yes four, 300 games, and a high series of 688 in 2005. He will definitely be remembered and missed.



The results are in from the Reno tournament with 10 of our people cashing in 3 events for a total of 22 checks. Last year was a little better with 17 people cashing. However, this was good in the respect that Branches 161 and 108 were well represented.

Those cashing were: Singles Div 1, Bob Rhiner - 7th, \$37, Curtis Manning - 11th, \$29, Greg Mattus - 13th, \$27, Eric Jensen - 18th, \$22, and Jose Arroyo - 21st, \$19. Singles Div 2 saw Warren Young take 15th place for \$24. Singles Div 3, Videle Marshall - 9th, \$27, Mary Hershberger - 11th, \$23.50 tied with Connie Ryan for \$23.50, and Pat Rhiner - 15th for \$20. Doubles Div 1 had Pat Rhiner and Curtis Manning in 14th, \$41, and Greg Mattus - Dottie Harris in 16th place for \$35. In the Team Div 2 event Bill Bayer, Ju-

lie Bayer, Videle Marshall and Jerry Marshall took 7th for \$80. All Events Div 1 Bob Rhiner - 7th, \$\$28, Greg Mattus - 12th, \$18, and Curtis Manning - 18th, \$11. All Events Div 3 - Videle Marshall - 2nd, \$40, Mary Hershberger - 5th, \$27, and Mary Pita-Fry in 10th place for \$14. Well Done!

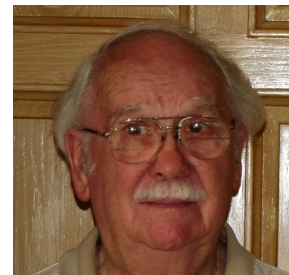
After 2 weeks of SIR winter season bowling, with 33 weeks left, the Good Guys and Brentwood Café are tied with 7 wins each and four other teams only 1 game back. There are 14 weeks left in the first half and it is guaranteed that standings will be challenged.

Paul

Bridge report, Harry Ohlson

The next bridge session begins at noon on October 21st In the Discovery Bay Country Club.

If you wish to join us, please call me for seating (925) 513-3048.



SIR Travel Opportunities Reminder

Various bargain-priced trips are available to SIR members through local travel agencies and other SIR branches. Look for the TRAVEL binder located on the entrance table at each monthly meeting. For more information contact Mitch Wisinski at: (408) 515-7655.



SIR Activities, Dick Donald

Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans.

Wine Tasting, Dick Donald, 513-2849

Alan and Pam Jarvie will be hosting the October wine tasting on Thursday, October 23. If you are interested in attending this very popular activity please contact Dick Donald at 513-2849, or email DickDonald@Yahoo.com by Friday, October 3.

Pickleball, Bob Lyman, 628-7906

NOTE: There's a new day/time to try your hand at pickleball.



There is a beginner group playing on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am and they welcome all new players; come join in the fun. The other drop in play times are 8:00 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and 5:00 pm Wednesday. Beginners are also wel-



come for free instruction at 10 am every Saturday (with good weather!!!) Just bring yourself; we have everything else needed. The game is easy for beginners to learn but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The morning play time for bocce ball has not succeeded any better than the previous afternoon time. We will suspend scheduled play for the rest of the season in hopes that we can start again next Spring with renewed interest.

Photography, Frank Headley, 240-6511

Our September Photography Club meeting was combined with lunch at the Steak House.



The September photography field trip has been rescheduled to October 9th due to weather.

Golf News, Dale Welin

We had 21 golfers play at Swenson Park and it was a fun day. The results are below:

1st place team - 134 - Luke, Goodwin, Anderson, Brodie.

2nd place team - 135 - Carr, Ramos, Fanucchi, Rentzel, Burke.

CTP winners were Onstad and Pachucki.

Seven players had a net score under par and they were: 66 - Carr, 69 - Pachucki, Welin, Goodwin, 70 - Brodie, 71 - Onstad, Burke. Nice playing guys.

The concluding SIR 161 golf tournament will be on Oct. 21 at Deer Ridge CC, Brentwood. This is our Club Championship Tournament and will be an indi-



vidual net tournament. Those who have qualified will be eligible for the Championship of our club. There will be prize money for all players, qualified and others, as all players in our NCGA golf club are welcome to play.

When: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Where: Deer Ridge CC, Brentwood

Time: 8:00 Reverse shotgun

Cost: \$42.00 for golf, cart, prize money and trophy cost

Format: Individual net play, putt then all out!

Send your entry info to Dale and then send a check payable to Dale Welin for \$42.00. We need to know who is going to play BEFORE the cutoff date, which will be October 14, the monthly luncheon day.

Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Voluntary member contributions provide for these activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, and sponsored by an active member.

Attendance Policy *(Revised July, 2012)*

Luncheon meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. (There are exceptions to when we need to hold our meetings on a different Tuesday, so please check the Meetings Calendar elsewhere in this issue).

Social hour is at 11.00am and lunch is at noon. All members are expected to attend Luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness, absence from the Branch locale, or acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion. If you cannot attend, you are required to notify the Attendance Chairman by the Friday prior to the luncheon meeting or you may be charged for the luncheon.

Regular members missing three consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or missing more than five (5) meetings within the last 12 months for any reason, shall be notified by letter or email of the Branch Executive Committee's pending action to terminate their membership.

Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to attendance.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.

Reminders

Voluntary contributions defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not "donated" their contribution, be sure to bring \$20.00 cash or a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer, Tony Pacheco.

Dress code for our meetings is "Country Club Casual", which means no jeans or denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops or T-shirts, no flip-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

If you're unable to attend a meeting

Our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please contact Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

Bill Konold, 634-2738

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